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Attorney Docket Number	46505/5
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COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
Application Number	10/779,517
Filing Date	February 13, 2004
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	

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I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**APPARATUS FOR ELECTRONICALLY DETERMINING WHETHER A TAX FOR A
PRODUCT HAS BEEN PAID**

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which



is attached hereto

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February 13, 2004

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10/779,517

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(if applicable).

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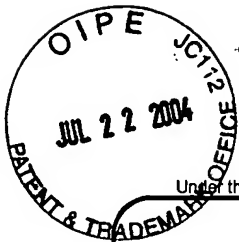
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